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SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF PLYWOOD AND COCONUT OIL IN  
ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS

REF: MANILA 7439

1. AFTER CONSIDERATION REQUEST REFTTEL ON PHILIPPINE MA-  
HOGANY PLYWOOD, TSC AGAIN CONCLUDED ANY OFFER OF CONCESSION  
SHOULD BE HELD FOR MTN. EVEN IF PHILIPPINES EXPAND EXPORTS,  
OTHER COUNTRIES EXPECTED TO REMAIN IMPORTANT SUPPLIERS AND  
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US SHOULD RETAIN BARGAINING POWER TO OBTAIN SOMETHING FROM

THEM IN MTN.

2. RE COCONUT OIL: AS CITED REFTTEL, TRA SECTIONS 601 (3) AND (4) WOULD REQUIRE THAT AD VALOREM EQUIVALENTS BE BASED ON VALUE OF ARTICLES CONCERNED DURING MOST RECENT PERIOD, BEFORE DATE TRADE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO, DETERMINED BY PRESIDENT TO BE REPRESENTATIVE. IMPOSSIBLE AT PRESENT TO SAY WHAT CRITERIA WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE "REPRESENTATIVE PERIOD." WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT DURING KENNEDY ROUND TARIFF COMMISSION GENERALLY USED THREE YEARS DATA WITH ADJUSTMENTS FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING CIRCUMSTANCES RESULTING IN ABNORMALLY HIGH OR LOW PRICES. IF THIS PRECEDENT FOLLOWED UNDER TRA, AVE FOR COCONUT OIL WOULD BE WELL ABOVE 5 PERCENT. FURTHER LEGAL RESEARCH IS IN PROCESS TO DETERMINE BASE RATE TO WHICH TARIFF CUT UP TO 60 PERCENT MIGHT BE APPLIED. US DEL WILL BE ADVISED OF CONCLUSIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TRA PROVISIONS CITED HEREIN OF COURSE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN SENATE. SISCO

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